

Navigable Waters:

The spill entered a drainage channel adjacent to the ruptured pipeline and travelled along the drainage channel approximately 500 feet before entering Bayou Pierre. The spill then travelled generally northeastward in Bayou Pierre for approximately 4,500 additional feet. U.S.

Geological Survey maps depict Bayou Pierre as approximately fifty feet wide with perennial flow throughout the impacted segment. The impacted segment of Bayou Pierre is navigable by small watercraft. Approximately one-half mile downstream of the impacted segment, Bayou Pierre enters Moses Lake. Although not impacted, Moses Lake is approximately 25 square miles in area, has designated shipping channels, and supports recreational usage such as sport fishing, boating and kayaking. Moses Lake drains to Galveston Bay, which is widely used by commercial seagoing vessels for access to the Gulf of Mexico.